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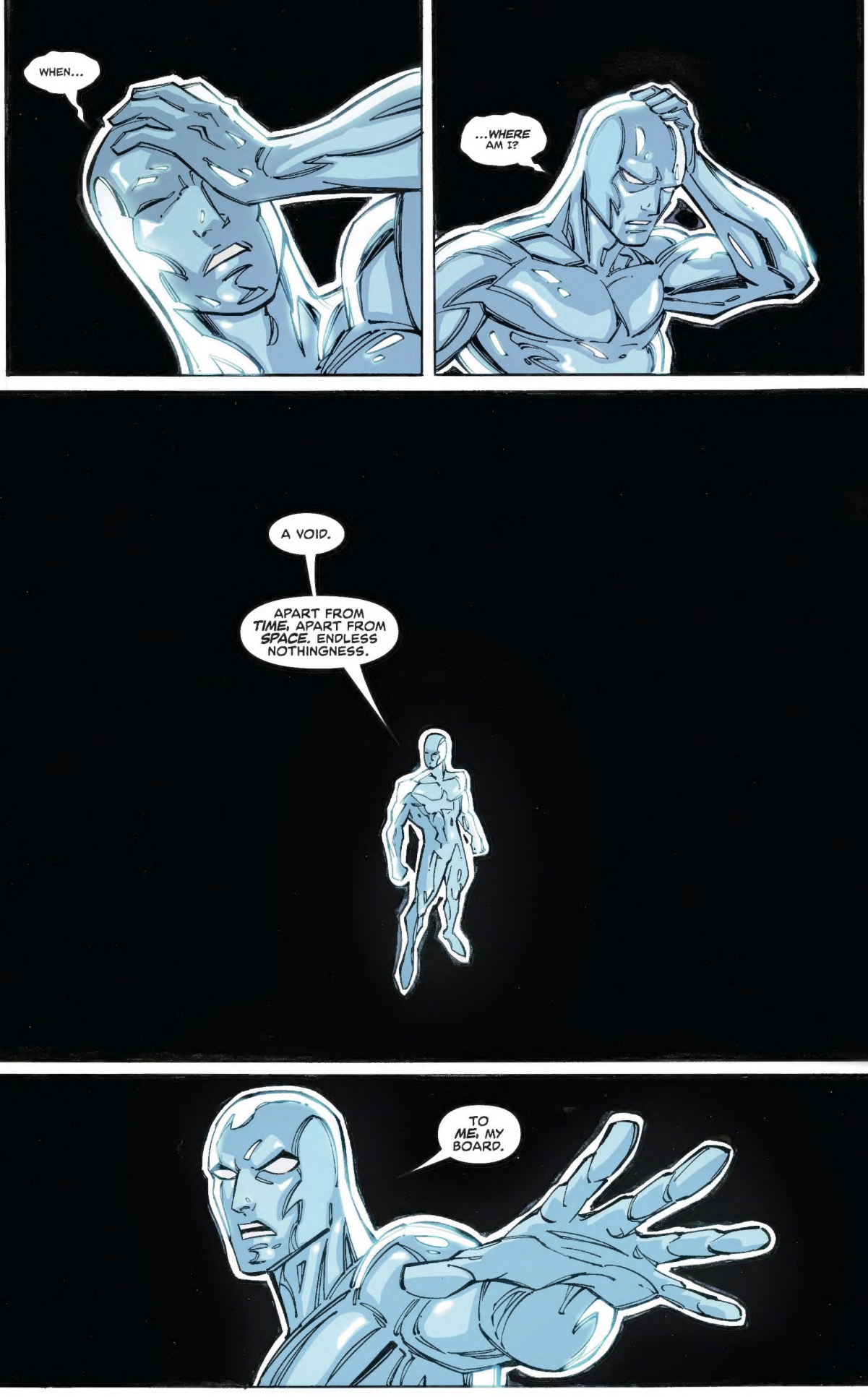
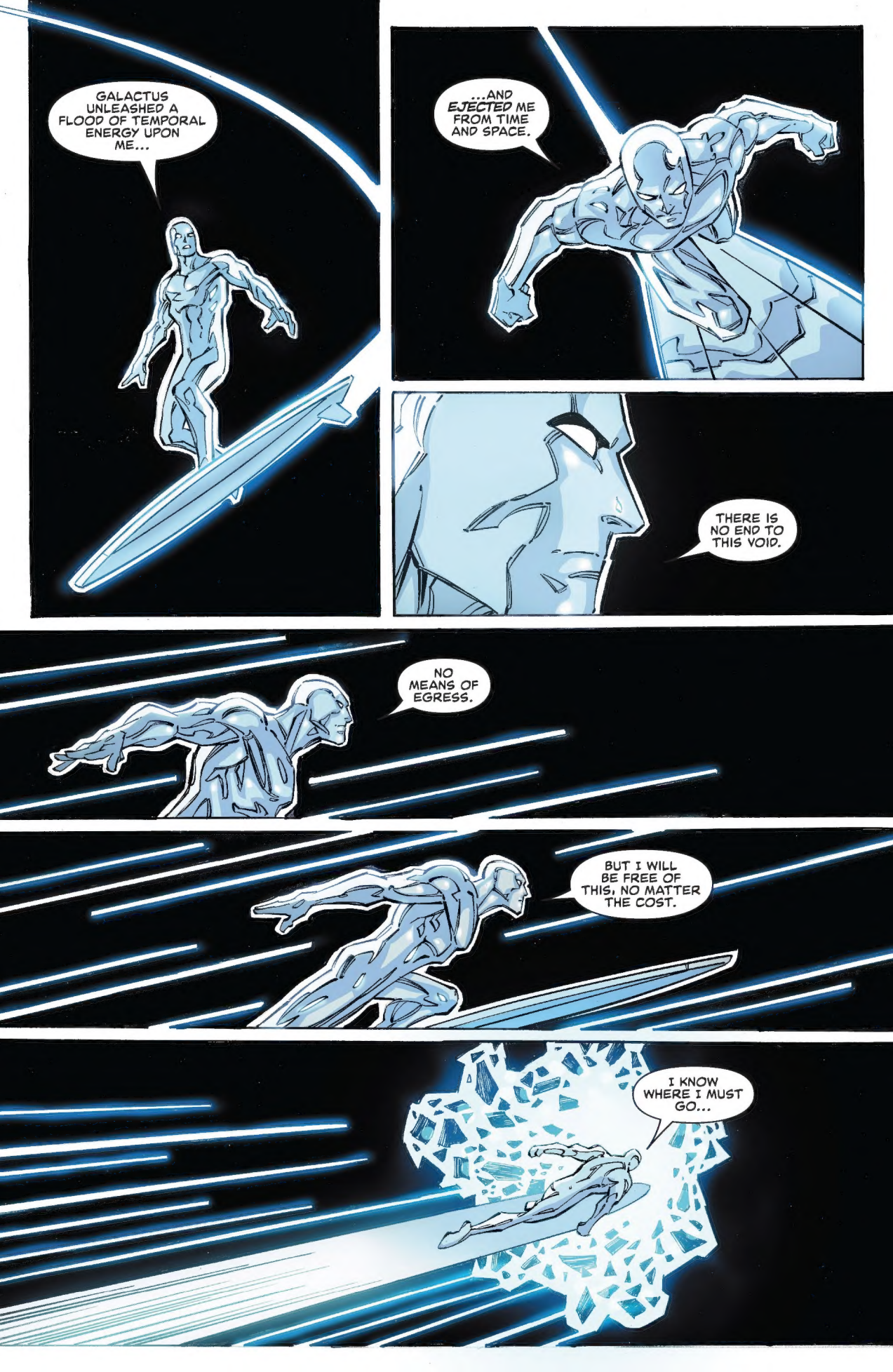

WHEN...
...WHERE AM I?
A VOID.
APART FROM *TIME*, APART FROM *SPACE*. ENDLESS NOTHINGNESS.
TO *ME*, MY BOARD.


GALACTUS UNLEASHED A FLOOD OF TEMPORAL ENERGY UPON ME...
...AND *EJECTED* ME FROM TIME AND SPACE.
THERE IS NO END TO THIS VOID.
NO MEANS OF EGRESS.
BUT I WILL BE FREE OF THIS, NO MATTER THE COST.
I KNOW WHERE I MUST GO...

"...HOWEVER UNPLEASANT THAT DESTINATION MIGHT BE."

MEPHISTO.

MEPHISTO'S REALM.

WELCOME, SURFER. I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT EVENTUALLY FIND YOUR WAY TO ME.

MY AIM WAS TO *ABANDON* YOU IN THE TIMESTREAM, FOREVER BUFFETED FROM ONE EVENTUALITY TO ANOTHER AND ANOTHER AND ANOTHER FOR THE REST OF YOUR EXISTENCE.

LOST. FORGOTTEN. BUT HERE YOU ARE.

I'M MORE THAN PLEASED TO IMPRISON YOU *HERE*, WITHIN MY DOMAIN, JUST LIKE ALL THE *OTHER* DAMNED SOULS.

YOUR MACHINATIONS WON'T GO *UNPUNISHED*, MEPHISTO.

OH, I'M *QUITE* FAMILIAR WITH PUNISHMENT.

YOU *WILL* BE.

BLUSTER ALL YOU WANT. YOU'VE ALREADY LOST.
OR DID YOU FORGET I POSSESS THIS?
I'VE BECOME QUITE ATTACHED TO THE TIME GEM...
...SO I THINK I'LL BE KEEPING IT.
I AM... MY FORMER SELF?!
SUCH POWER. THE YEARS FALL AWAY...
...UNTIL YOU'RE MERELY A MAN ONCE MORE...
...AND UTTERLY HELPLESS.

YOUR MINIONS CAN'T HOLD ME...
...YOU CAN'T HOLD ME, MEPHISTO.
AND THE TIME GEM CANNOT LONG CHANGE ME FROM MY TRUE FORM.
SO I SEE.
EVER THE ANNOYANCE. EVER THE THORN.
YOU DEMAND A PERSONAL TOUCH.
YOU SET THIS ALL INTO MOTION, DEMON. YOU, MORE THAN ANYONE, SHOULD UNDERSTAND...

...BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR!
GHAAH!!
SKRAK
YOU'VE NEVER HAD THE SENSE TO KNOW WHEN YOUR CAUSE IS HOPELESS. BUT THERE IS NO HOPE IN MY DOMAIN.
YOU REFUSED TO STAY LOST, SURFER.
YOU WILL BE MY THRALL...
...NOW AND FOREVER MORE.
THE POWER COSMIC HAS ALWAYS BEEN YOUR EQUAL, FOUL ONE.

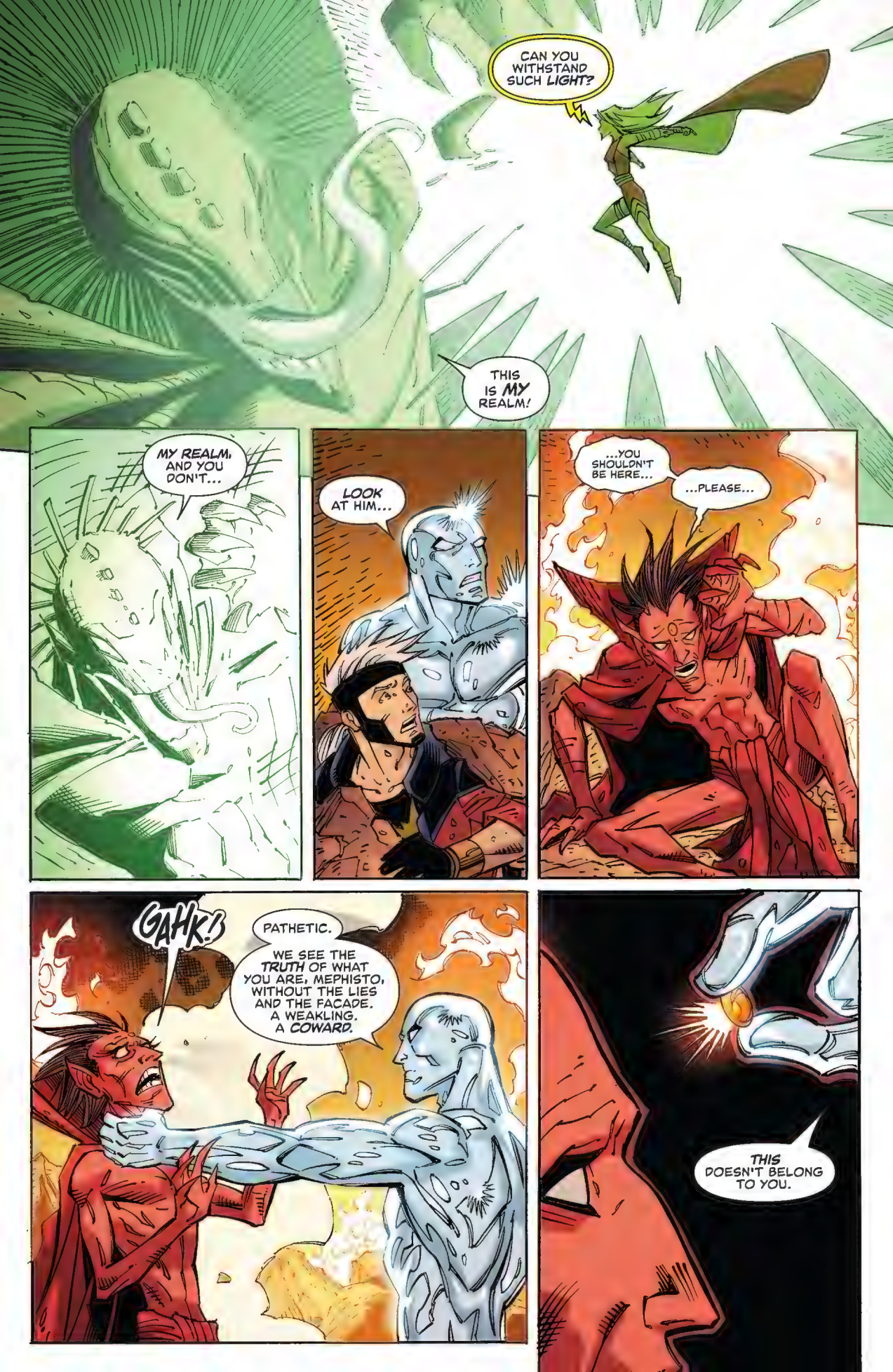
THIS IS MY REALM...
...AND MY REALM IS ME.
HWFF?!
MY PLACE OF POWER...
...WHERE MY EVIL IS IMMENSE...
...AND MY TRUE SELF...
...REIGNS SUPREME.

I AM ENDLESS.
I WILL NOT YIELD!
INDEED! PERISH THE VERY THOUGHT.

I WANT YOU TO STRUGGLE.
I WANT YOU TO FIGHT ME. THE SUFFERING IS SO MUCH SWEETER THAT WAY.
KRAK
UHNN!
FOR ALL YOUR SUPPOSED PURITY, SURFER, YOU BELONG HERE...
...WITH ALL THE OTHER TAINTED SOULS.
YOU BELONG TO ME.
YOU USED ME TO SET ALL THIS IN MOTION...

...AND I WAS STUPID ENOUGH TO LET YOU.
YOU WERE A USEFUL PAWN, GENIS-VELL. YOU'D SERVED YOUR PURPOSE. I WOULD HAVE IGNORED YOU.
BUT NOW YOU AND THIS OTHER... THIS EVE WARLOCK... HAVE MY FULL ATTENTION.
SAVE IT...
AAH!
...I'M HERE FOR PAYBACK.
HOW IS THERE AN...EVE WARLOCK?
I'LL TELL YOU THE TALE IF WE SURVIVE.

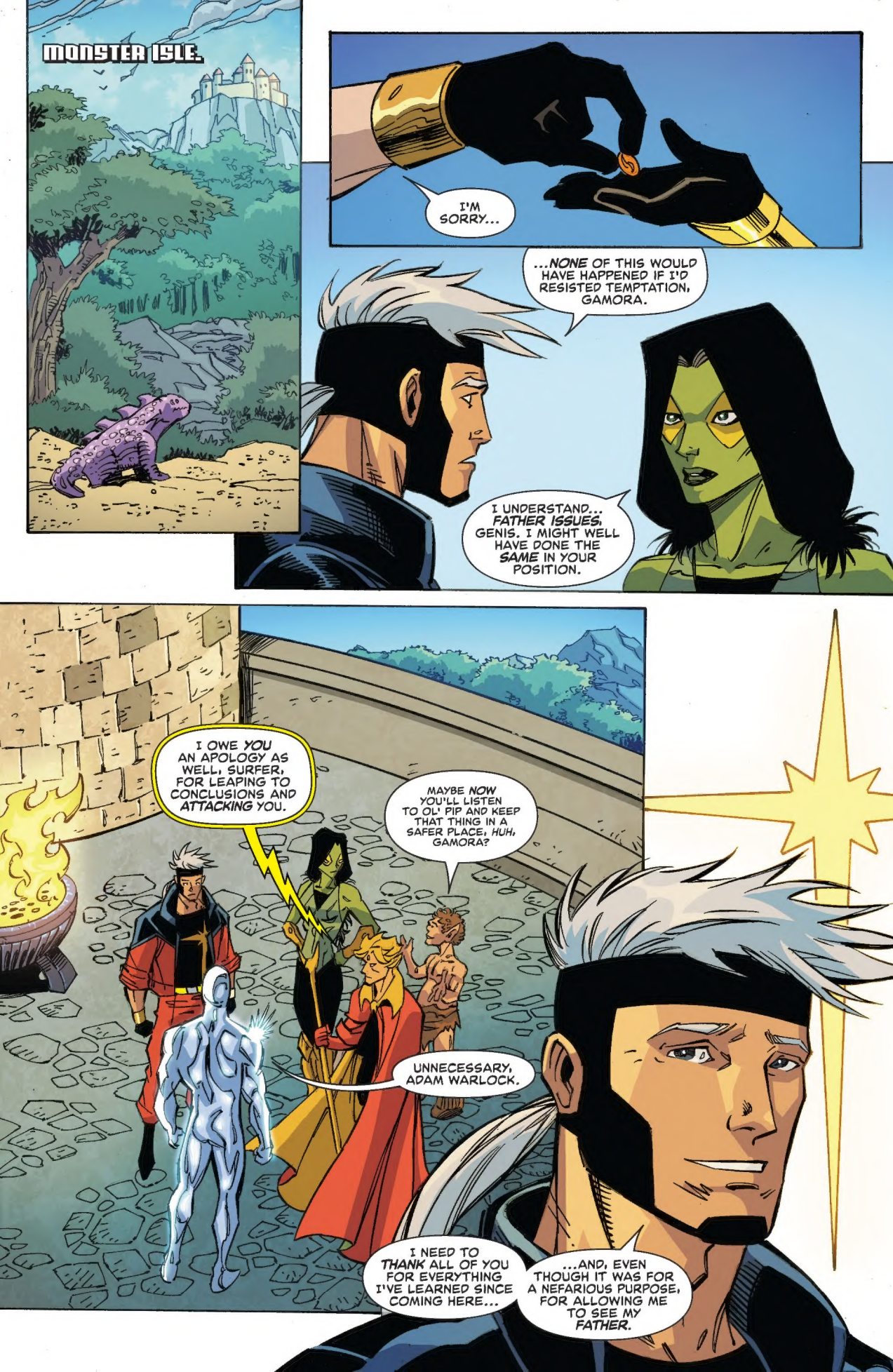
YOUR SOUL IS ALREADY TAINTED, GENIS-VELL. I SAW TO IT MYSELF.
YOU BELONG HERE TOO.
GUHH!
YOU HAVE NEVER MET MY LIKE, MEPHISTO! I WILL BREAK YOU!
YOU? YOU ARE AN ARTIFICIAL THING.
YOU HAVE NO SOUL.
LOOK WITHIN ME. I LIVE, I LOVE, I HAVE A SOUL...
...AND IT IS PURE. ONE OF THE FEW THAT IS UNTAINTED.
WHAT DO YOU...HOW CAN THIS BE?


CAN YOU WITHSTAND SUCH LIGHT?
THIS IS MY REALM!
MY REALM, AND YOU DON'T...
LOOK AT HIM...
...YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE...
...PLEASE...
GAHK!
PATHETIC.
WE SEE THE TRUTH OF WHAT YOU ARE, MEPHISTO, WITHOUT THE LIES AND THE FACADE. A WEAKLING. A COWARD.
THIS DOESN'T BELONG TO YOU.

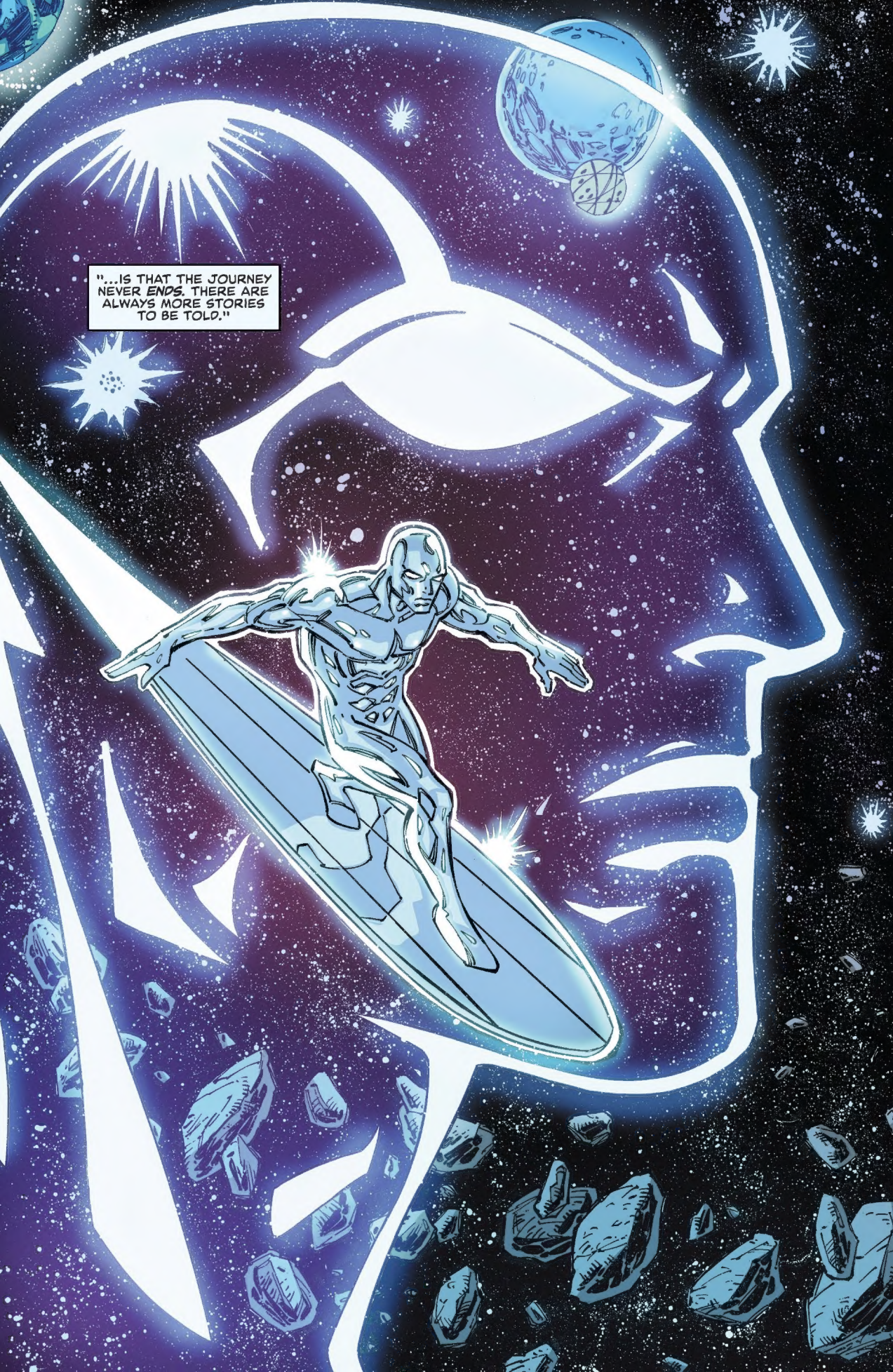
THE TIME GEM CAN BE USED TO PUT THINGS RIGHT AND BANISH MEPHISTO.
I KNOW BETTER THAN MOST HOW DANGEROUS IT IS TO USE THE GEM. ALL OF THIS IS MY FAULT. IT SHOULD BE MY RESPONSIBILITY.
NO, THE BURDEN MUST BE MINE, AND I SHOULDER IT WILLINGLY.
IN THIS PLACE, I AM UNIQUE. I AM PURE.
IT MUST BE ME WHO UNLEASHES THE TIME ENERGY.
I CANNOT ARGUE AGAINST YOUR REASONING, EVE.
I KNOW MEPHISTO CAN'T BE DESTROYED, BUT HE CAN BE MADE TO SUFFER.
WHATEVER FATE AWAITS ME WHEN THIS IS UNLEASHED...
...I HOPE TO MEET YOU AGAIN.
GONE...

...BOTH OF THEM.
TO WHERE?
I DON'T KNOW. PERHAPS WE'LL NEVER KNOW.
WE CAN'T TARRY HERE. THE GEM MUST BE RETURNED TO ITS RIGHTFUL GUARDIAN.
STAY CLOSE, GENIS. I CAN AT LEAST GET US HOME...

THE BEGINNING.
YOU WILL NOT SURELY DIE...


MONSTER ISLE.
I'M SORRY...
...NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF I'D RESISTED TEMPTATION, GAMORA.
I UNDERSTAND... FATHER ISSUES, GENIS. I MIGHT WELL HAVE DONE THE SAME IN YOUR POSITION.
I OWE YOU AN APOLOGY AS WELL, SURFER, FOR LEAPING TO CONCLUSIONS AND ATTACKING YOU.
MAYBE NOW YOU'LL LISTEN TO OL' PIP AND KEEP THAT THING IN A SAFER PLACE, HUH, GAMORA?
UNNECESSARY, ADAM WARLOCK.
I NEED TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR EVERYTHING I'VE LEARNED SINCE COMING HERE...
...AND, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS FOR A NEFARIOUS PURPOSE, FOR ALLOWING ME TO SEE MY FATHER.

I FEAR FOR EVE WARLOCK'S FATE. IT SEEMS SHE SACRIFICED HERSELF.
MY COSMIC SENSES CAN FIND NO TRACE OF HER.
NOR MINE. I OFFERED HER A PLACE HERE...
...BUT SHE SAID HER DESTINY WAS ELSEWHERE.
I WILL FIND HER SOMEDAY... WHEREVER SHE HAS GONE.
I HOPE THAT COMES TO PASS.
THE UNIVERSE IS VAST, ADAM WARLOCK, AND I HAVE ALL ETERNITY.
TIME FOR ME TO RETURN TO THE COSMOS.
I'D BETTER GO TOO. I'VE DONE ENOUGH DAMAGE FOR ONE VISIT TO EARTH.
THIS STARTED WITH YOU, SURFER. I WOULDN'T BE ANY SORT OF HERO WITHOUT YOU.
WE ARE, ALL OF US, ON OUR OWN JOURNEYS, GENIS-VELL. WE ARE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS, HEROES AND VILLAINS. WHAT MATTERS...


"...IS THAT THE JOURNEY NEVER *ENDS*. THERE ARE ALWAYS MORE STORIES TO BE TOLD."

THE END.
HELLO?
IS THERE... SOMEONE ELSE HERE?
I THOUGHT I WAS THE LAST ONE, HERE AT THE END OF EVERYTHING.
MY NAME IS FRANKIE RAYE.
NOVA.
PLEASED TO MEET YOU.
MY NAME IS EVE...
FIN.